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ADAM STRANGE

LIKE THE ANCIENT SIRENS, THE PLANET RANN CALLS OUT TO EARTHMAN ADAM STRANGE, SUMMONING HIM TO MEET ITS DANGERS... ITS EXCITING THREATS... ITS MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, ALANNA, WHO HAS BEEN ADAM'S COMPANION-IN-ARMS ON HIS PREVIOUS VISITS! AND SO ADAM EAGERLY ANSWERS THAT SIREN CALL, FLASHING ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE TO THE THIRD PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI, ALWAYS PREPARED TO MEET EVERY THREAT FATE CAN HURL AGAINST HIM -- EVEN SUCH AN UNCANNY CHALLENGE AS...

The MENACE OF THE SUPER-ATOM!

NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, WE CAN'T DESTROY THIS FANTASTIC ARMY ATTACKING RANAGAR!-EVERY TIME WE DESTROY ONE CREATURE-- TWO MORE TAKE ITS PLACE!

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TWENTY FEET ABOVE THE BROAD EXPANSE OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN A MAN HANGS MOTIONLESS, HELD ALOFT ON THE POWER OF AN ATOMIC ROCKET...
THE ZETA-BEAM FROM RANN WILL STRIKE RIGHT HERE IN A FEW MOMENTS -- BUT SO WILL THAT WATERSPOUT HEADING STRAIGHT TOWARD ME!
CLOSER AND CLOSER COMES THE DEADLY FUNNEL AS NERVOUS PERSPIRATION BEADS ADAM STRANGE'S FACE...
A WATERSPOUT HAS THE AWESOME POWER OF A TORNADO! IF IT DOESN'T TURN ASIDE, IT MAY "BLOW" ME OUT OF THE PATH OF THE ZETA-BEAM!
THEN THE ROARING WHIRLWIND SWALLOWS HIM... NIGHTMARE DARKNESS AND HURRICANE VIOLENCE EXPLODE ON EVERY SIDE...
MY ROCKET MUST HOLD ME STEADY! IF IT FAILS, THE WATERSPOUT WILL GET ME IN ITS GRIP!
WHOOOOOOOO
FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS THE TITANIC FORCES OF RAMPAGING NATURE ARE PITTED AGAINST THE ATOMIC-BLASTING ROCKET...
NO USE! MY ROCKET JUST ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO --
WHOOOOOO
SUDDENLY, THE ZETA-BEAM STRIKES -- AND ONCE AGAIN ADAM STRANGE IS INSTANTLY TELEPORTED ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE TO THE PLANET RANN OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI...
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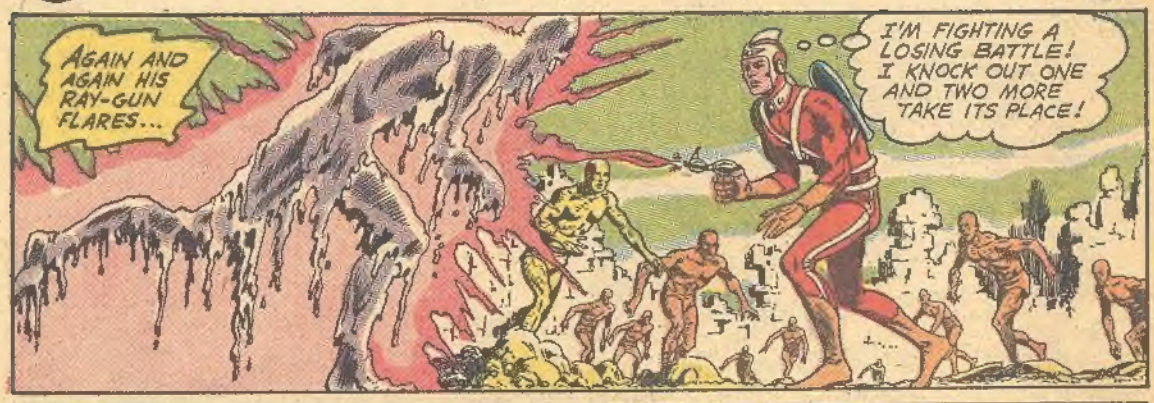
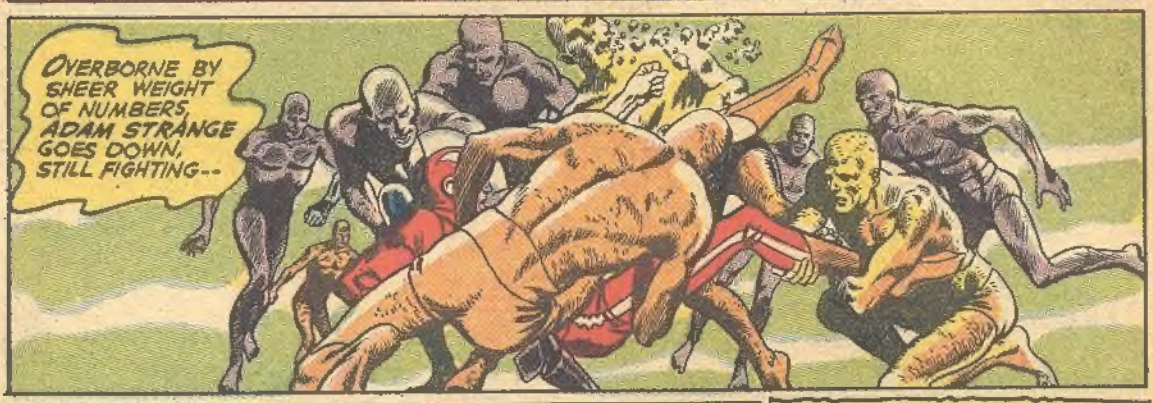
AS HE LOOKS ABOUT THE ROLLING GRASSLANDS OF RANN...
THE OTHER TIMES I'VE LANDED ON RANN, ALANNA'S BEEN WAITING TO MEET ME! WHERE IS SHE NOW?
HERE COMES HER FLIER--BUT ALANNA ISN'T IN IT! FOR SOME REASON SHE COULDN'T MEET ME--AND SENT THE FLIER TO BRING ME TO HER! I'LL GET IN AND LET THE ROBOT-FLIER TAKE ME TO HER!
THE POWERFUL LITTLE AIRSHIP TAKES OFF AND HEADS TOWARD THE GREAT SAND BARRENS OF EQUATORIAL RANN...
I'VE NEVER VISITED THIS PLACE OF RANN BEFORE! I SEEM TO SEE RUINS UP AHEAD!
THE FLIER IS HEADING TOWARD THE RUINS--GOING LOWER AND LOWER--ABOUT TO LAND NEAR THOSE STRANGE STATUES!
TO ADAM'S STUNNED AMAZEMENT THE "STATUES" COME TO LIFE, STRIDING FORWARD AS ADAM STEPS FROM HIS FLIER...
THE STATUES OF STONE... METAL... SAND... CHARGING AT ME!
AS SANDY HANDS REACH FOR HIM, ADAM FIGHTS BACK SAVAGELY...
I CAN'T LET THESE THINGS DETAIN ME! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE ALANNA IS, AND FIND OUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER!


AGAIN AND AGAIN HIS RAY-GUN FLARES...
I'M FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE! I KNOCK OUT ONE AND TWO MORE TAKE ITS PLACE!


OVERBORNE BY SHEER WEIGHT OF NUMBERS, ADAM STRANGE GOES DOWN, STILL FIGHTING--

THE ANIMATED STATUES GRIP AND LIFT HIM, CARRYING HIM AS EASILY AS IF HE WERE A CHILD:...
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING ME?

INTO THE RUINS OF ANCIENT ILLSOMAR HE IS BORNE, UNTIL HE COMES FACE TO FACE WITH...
A GIGANTIC LIVING ATOM!
EXACTLY, EARTHMAN! KNOW ME FOR NIMAR, THE WANDERER OF THE STARS! AN ENERGI-BEING OF SUPER-INTELLIGENCE WHO HAS COME TO RANN TO ADD IT TO THE LIST OF PLANETS WHICH CALL ME MASTER!

"KNOW ALSO THAT I AM IMMORTAL AND INDESTRUCTIBLE, AND THAT I HAVE OVERCOME SO MANY PLANETS I HAVE ACTUALLY LOST EXACT COUNT OF THEM!"
HAIL, MIGHTY NIMAR!
HAIL!

HOMAGE AND TRIBUTE IS PAID ME BY THE ALIENS AND HUMANS OF THESE CONQUERED WORLDS! RANN, TOO, SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS ITS MASTER, AS SHALL YOUR OWN PLANET, EARTH...
SINCE I AM ETERNAL, TIME MEANS NOTHING TO ME! I HAVE SENT AN ARMY OF MY INANIMATE WARRIORS AGAINST THE CAPITAL CITY OF RANAGAR! I CAN AFFORD TO WAIT UNTIL THEY WEAR OUT ITS DEFENDERS! TO TRY AND STOP ME, YOUR GIRL ALANNA SEARCHED FOR AND FOUND ME!
ALANNA DARED BOAST THAT YOU COULD STOP ME! I SENT THE FLIER TO BRING YOU HERE SO I MIGHT MEET YOU AND ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! I WIN SO EASILY ALL THE TIME I HOPE YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME REAL COMPETITION!
TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR-- I'M FREEING ALANNA! TAKE HER WITH YOU AS YOU FLY TO RANAGAR!
ALANNA!
OHHH, ADAM--NIMAR IS RIGHT! EVERYTHING IT SAID IS TRUE! IT HAS SOME STRANGE SORT OF THOUGHT-POWER OVER ALL INANIMATE THINGS! WE'RE HELPLESS!
THAT'S HOW I SENT THE FLIER TO YOU, EARTHMAN! IT OBEYED MY THOUGHTS!
AS NIMAR TAUNTS THEM, ADAM AND ALANNA TAKE OFF FOR RANAGAR...
I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM YOU, ADAM STRANGE! BUT TRY AND MAKE MY STAY ON RANN AS INTERESTING AS YOU CAN... BY PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT!

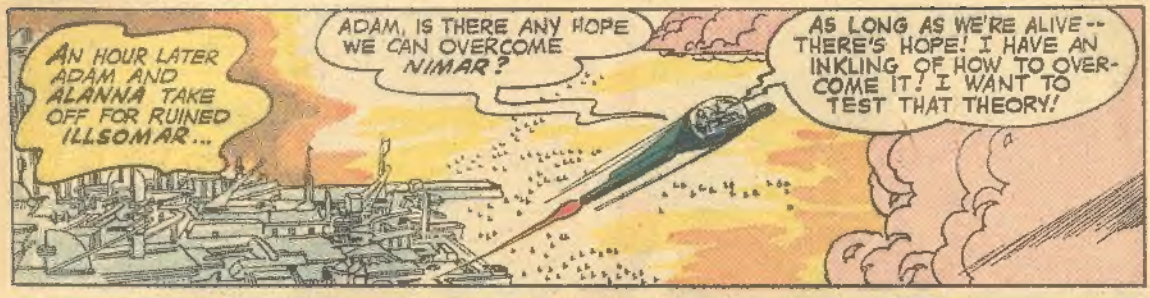
WHEN THE FLIER ARRIVES OVER RANAGAR, ADAM SEES NIMAR'S ARMY OF INANIMATE WARRIORS BESIEGING THE CITY...
SEE, ADAM? NIMAR CAUSES STONE--METAL--EVEN SAND TO OBEY IT! ITS ARMY IS UNBEATABLE!

IN RANAGAR, ADAM FINDS ONLY DESPAIR AND APATHY...
IT IS FUTILE TO FIGHT ANY LONGER!
WE DESTROY NIMAR'S CREATURES BUT IT ONLY MAKES MORE AND MORE... WE MAY AS WELL SURRENDER!

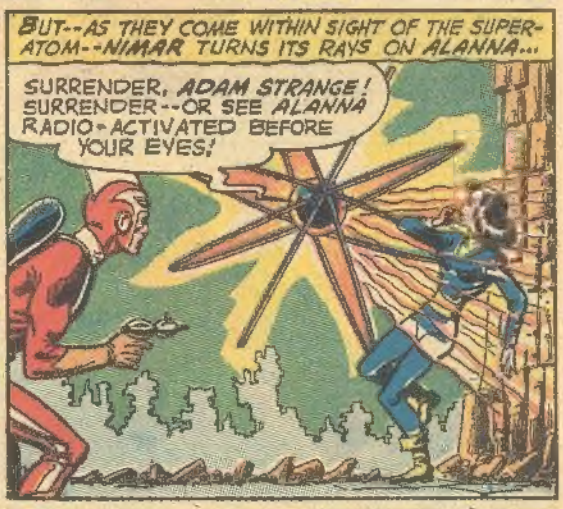
YOU MUST HOLD OUT--CONTINUE TO FIGHT--AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME NIMAR!
IT'S USELESS, ADAM--BUT DO AS YOU WILL!

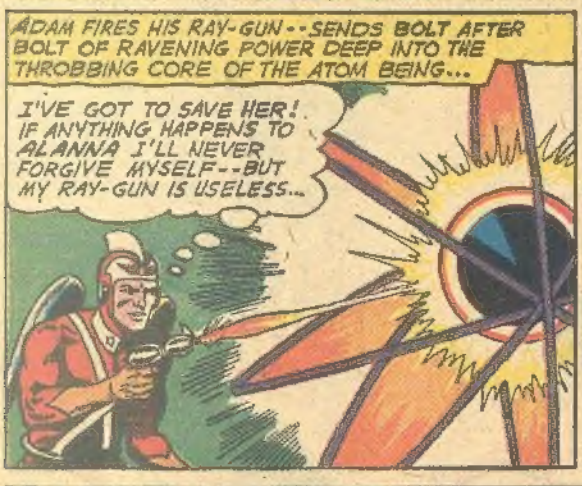
ADAM HIMSELF LEADS A CHARGE AGAINST THE STONE AND WOOD WARRIORS...
I SEE WHAT THEY MEAN! FOR EVERY ONE I DROP--TWO MORE APPEAR! NIMAR CAN AFFORD TO WAIT UNTIL RESISTANCE AGAINST ITS INANIMATE ARMY DIES OUT!

FIGHTING FURIOUSLY, ADAM BRINGS HIS WARRIORS BACK BEHIND THE GATES OF RANAGAR...
WE'RE WASTING TIME FIGHTING THESE WARRIORS! THE ONLY WAY TO WIN THIS WAR IS TO FIND SOME WAY TO OVERCOME NIMAR!


AN HOUR LATER ADAM AND ALANNA TAKE OFF FOR RUINED ILLSOMAR...
ADAM, IS THERE ANY HOPE WE CAN OVERCOME NIMAR?
AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE -- THERE'S HOPE! I HAVE AN INKLING OF HOW TO OVERCOME IT! I WANT TO TEST THAT THEORY!

RACING OVER THE ROLLING GRASSLANDS AND DESERTED BARRENS OF RANN, ADAM AND ALANNA SOON LAND AT ILLSOMAR...
BUT YOUR ONLY WEAPON IS YOUR RAY-GUN! ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
I SURE HOPE SO!


BUT--AS THEY COME WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SUPER-ATOM--NIMAR TURNS ITS RAYS ON ALANNA...
SURRENDER, ADAM STRANGE! SURRENDER--OR SEE ALANNA RADIO-ACTIVATED BEFORE YOUR EYES!


ADAM FIRES HIS RAY-GUN--SENDS BOLT AFTER BOLT OF RAVENING POWER DEEP INTO THE THROBBING CORE OF THE ATOM BEING...
I'VE GOT TO SAVE HER! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ALANNA I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF--BUT MY RAY-GUN IS USELESS...

AND THEN IN ANSWER TO NIMAR'S SUMMONS, CREATURES OF STONE AND METAL AND SAND BURST INTO THE ANCIENT ROOM...
I'M DISAPPOINTED, ADAM STRANGE! YOU PUT UP A POOR FIGHT! IT IS TIME NOW TO END THIS FARCE! I SHALL HAVE YOU DESTROYED!

SLOWLY BUT INEXORABLY, NIMAR'S CREATURES DRAG ADAM FROM THE ROOM...
THERE MUST BE A WAY--SOME WAY TO SAVE ALANNA...

OUT OF THE DEPTHS OF HIS DESPAIR AND FURY, THE EARTHMAN CRIES OUT HARSHLY, HIS EVERY THOUGHT DIRECTED AGAINST THE SUPER-ATOM...
GET AWAY FROM ALANNA! LEAVE HER ALONE!

ABRUPTLY, NIMAR DRAWS BACK AND FINALLY ADAM REALIZES THE TRUTH, OF WHICH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD ONLY A FAINT INKLING....
GET BACK--FURTHER AWAY FROM HER! THAT'S IT! I HAD A HUNCH THIS WAS THE WAY TO HANDLE YOU--BUT BY ATTACKING ALANNA YOU DISTRACTED ME AND I REACTED INSTINCTIVELY BY SHOOTING MY RAY-GUN AT YOU!

RAGING WITH ANGER--NIMAR IS FORCED BACK AND AWAY FROM THE GIRL FROM RANAGAR--
NOW ORDER YOUR CREATURES TO RELEASE ME! OBEY, NIMAR!
I HEAR AND--I OBEY! RELEASE HIM!

WITH STARING, UNBELIEVING EYES, ALANNA WATCHES AS THE STONE AND METAL MEN FREE ADAM...
YOU HAVE NO WEAPON--BUT NIMAR'S DOING EVERYTHING YOU ORDER IT TO DO! WHY?
NIMAR'S THOUGHTS CAN CONTROL INANIMATE MATTER--BUT ONLY INANIMATE MATTER!

BUT WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?
WHEN I REALIZED THAT NIMAR NEVER USED ITS THOUGHT-POWER TO COMMAND INTELLIGENT FORMS OF LIFE, I FIGURED IT WAS BECAUSE ITS THOUGHT-POWER HAD NO EFFECT ON INTELLIGENT MINDS!

IF I WAS RIGHT, THEN THOUGHT IS THE ONE WEAPON NIMAR CANNOT COMBAT-- THE ONLY WEAPON THAT CAN DEFEAT IT! WHEN I SHOUTED FOR NIMAR TO GET AWAY FROM YOU, ALL MY THOUGHTS WERE CONCENTRATED ON IT! THAT'S WHY IT HAD TO OBEY!
WATCH NOW AS I THOUGHT-COMMAND NIMAR TO DESTROY ITS INANIMATE ARMY!
WHY--THEY'RE CRUMPLING INTO STONE... MOLTEN METAL... SAND!
REMAIN HERE, NIMAR-- ASLEEP IN RUINED ILLSOMAR-- UNTIL I RELEASE YOU--
I-I KNOW IT SHALL BE AN ETERNAL SLUMBER, ADAM STRANGE!
ADAM AND ALANNA RETURN TO RANAGAR WHERE THE EARTHMAN IS FETED AS ITS HERO, BUT SUDDENLY, DURING THE WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS..
AND ON EARTH...
NIMAR'S ARMY IS GONE FOREVER, ADAM AND-- OHHH! THE ZETA-BEAM HAS WORN OFF--AND HE'S GONE BACK TO EARTH!
I'LL BE BACK TO RANN, ALANNA--NEXT TIME THE ZETA-BEAM STRIKES MY PLANET!
THE END

THE ATOM SERVANT OF MAN

IN A WEST GERMAN HOSPITAL, A DOCTOR GIVES A LIFE-SAVING INJECTION OF MEDICINE TO A PRIEST...

THANKS TO OUR NEW ELECTRONIC "DETECTIVE", WE WERE ABLE TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THIS BLOOD DISEASE.

HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, JAPANESE SCIENTISTS LEARN NEW FACTS ABOUT THE PHYSIOLOGY OF THE SILKWORM...

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE SILK INDUSTRY.

IN RIO DE JANEIRO, A PHYSICIAN SPEAKS GENTLY TO A WOMAN WHOM HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY TREATED FOR A CANCEROUS GROWTH...

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, MRS. OLIVEIRA.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

ON AN EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN CANADA, AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS STUDY THE AMAZING EFFECTS CERTAIN FERTILIZERS HAVE ON PLANT LIFE...

THE GROWTH OF THESE PLANTS IS INCREDIBLE!

IN NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA, SCIENTISTS "TAG" A SPECIES OF MOSQUITO KNOWN TO BE A YELLOW FEVER CARRIER, AND FIGURE OUT ITS LIFE SPAN AND FLIGHT RANGE BY MEANS OF A NEW MAGIC TOOL...

NOW, BY ESTIMATING HOW FAR THIS DISEASE CAN SPREAD, WE CAN STRIKE AT YELLOW FEVER BEFORE IT CAN DO ANY HARM.

THESE AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER MIRACULOUS DEEDS IN NEARLY ALL QUARTERS OF THE WORLD WERE MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A NEW SCIENTIFIC MARVEL--THE ***RADIO-ISOTOPE*** -- CREATED FROM ATOMIC ENERGY AT OAK RIDGE, SITE OF ONE OF THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S INSTALLATIONS.

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BUT NO ONE EVER DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
...Until The WEATHER WIZARD
APPEARS AND CREATES ALL KINDS OF STRANGE WEATHER EFFECTS -- FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL GAIN!
DON'T MISS THIS WHIRLWIND ADVENTURE AS ... The FLASH FASTEST MAN ALIVE CLASHES WITH THIS BIZARRE VILLAIN IN...
CHALLENGE OF THE WEATHER WIZARD!
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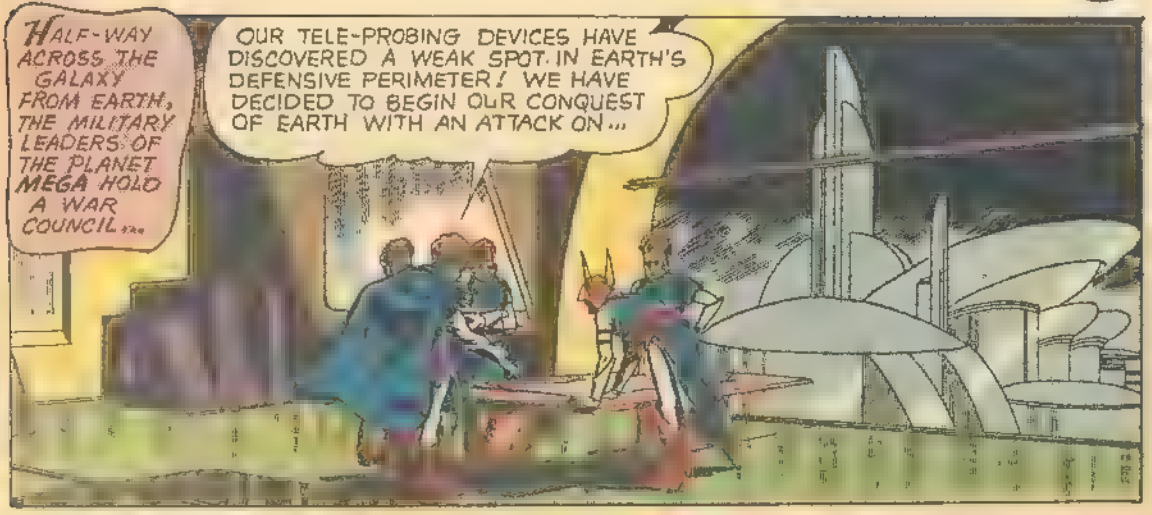
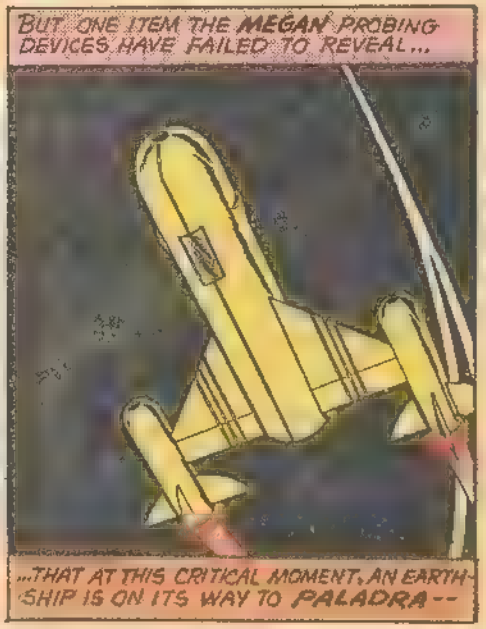
RAIDERS of the WATERLESS WORLD!

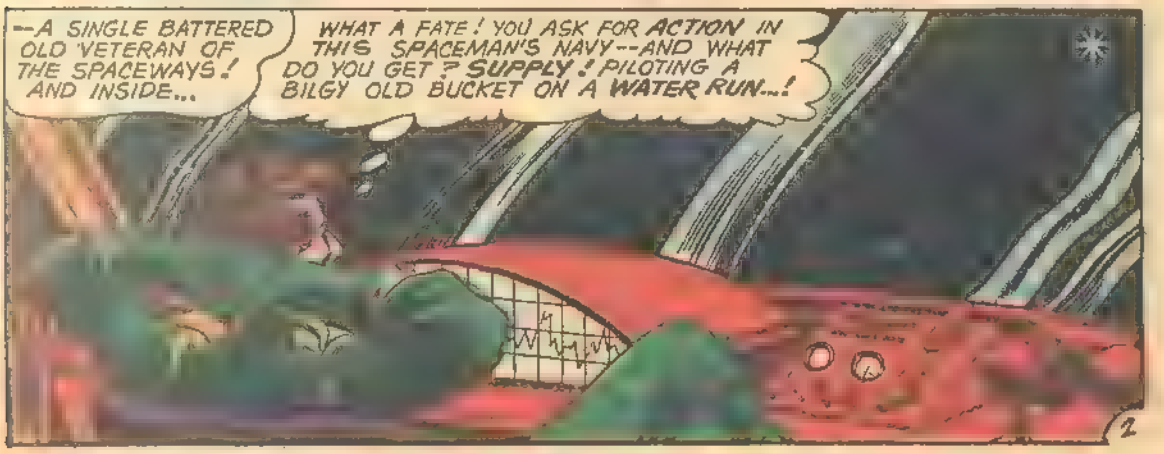
FROM THE MOMENT CARR MALCOLM JOINED EARTH'S SPACE-NAVY, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE TIME HE'D HAVE A CRACK AT THE WARLIKE MEGAN ENEMY! BUT WHEN HIS OPPORTUNITY FINALLY CAME, INSTEAD OF A COMBAT-READY VESSEL UNDER HIM--ALL HE HAD WAS AN OLD SPACE-BUCKET LOADED WITH WATER!
MEGAN BATTLEROCKETS COMING AT ME! AND THE ONLY WEAPON I'VE GOT TO FIGHT THEM WITH ARE THESE SPHERES OF CONDENSED WATER!


HALF-WAY ACROSS THE GALAXY FROM EARTH, THE MILITARY LEADERS OF THE PLANET MEGA HOLD A WAR COUNCIL...
OUR TELE-PROBING DEVICES HAVE DISCOVERED A WEAK SPOT IN EARTH'S DEFENSIVE PERIMETER! WE HAVE DECIDED TO BEGIN OUR CONQUEST OF EARTH WITH AN ATTACK ON...

THE UNDEFENDED PLANET PALADRA--HERE!
PALADRA

MEANWHILE, ON PALADRA, SWIMMING IN THE VOID BILLIONS OF MILES FROM EARTH...
...THERE ARE INDEED NO BATTLEROCKETS ON GUARD... NO GUIDED MISSILES CIRCLING THE WORLD...


BUT ONE ITEM THE MEGAN PROBING DEVICES HAVE FAILED TO REVEAL...
...THAT AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT, AN EARTH-SHIP IS ON ITS WAY TO PALADRA--


--A SINGLE BATTERED OLD VETERAN OF THE SPACEWAYS! AND INSIDE...
WHAT A FATE! YOU ASK FOR ACTION IN THIS SPACEMAN'S NAVY--AND WHAT DO YOU GET? SUPPLY! PILOTING A BILGY OLD BUCKET ON A WATER RUN...!

SURE I KNOW PALADRA IS A WATERLESS WORLD! THAT IT HAS TO HAVE ITS WATER ROCKETED IN TWICE A YEAR OR THE GARRISON THERE WOULD DIE LIKE FLIES...
BUT WHY IN SOLAR BLAZES DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO WIND UP LUGGING WATER? THAT'S WHAT GET'S ME...
"BACK IN SCHOOL I TRIED OUT FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM..."
"BUT I WAS SMALL FOR MY AGE..."
THE COACH COULDN'T USE ME AS A PLAYER! WHERE DID I END UP? YOU GUESSED IT...
"I WAS THE WATER BOY!"
HERE COMES THE WATER!
HURRY IT UP, CARR!
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"THEN WHEN I WAS DRAFTED INTO MILITARY SERVICE..."
I TRIED A DOZEN TIMES TO GET A RATING AS A FIGHTER PILOT!

BUT HERE I AM--CARRYING WATER AGAIN! OF COURSE... IT'S NOT ORDINARY WATER...
IN EACH OF THESE METAL SPHERES THERE IS JUST ONE DROP OF H_2O -- CONDENSED FROM MILLIONS OF DROPS OF REGULAR WATER! I'M CARRYING ENOUGH WATER IN THIS BUCKET TO FLOAT THE GALACTIC NAVY!
THEN... SUDDENLY, ON CARR'S VISISCREEN...
WHAT'S THIS? A FREIGHTER SIGNALING MY BUCKET..?
DO YOU READ US, K-2309? DO YOU READ US?
AS CARR MALCOM REPLIES AFFIRMATIVE...
BY THE "FIX" WE GOT, YOU'RE HEADING FOR PALADRA! BUT GET THIS--IT'S RINGED BY MEGAN SHIPS! IT'S AN ALL-OUT ATTACK...
THE MEGS HAVE PALADRA CUT OFF! WE ESCAPED BY THE SKIN OF OUR HULL! NOTHING -- NOBODY CAN GET THROUGH TO THE PLANET NOW!
JUST THOUGHT WE'D WARN YOU... SO LONG...
WHEW!! A SURPRISE ATTACK ON PALADRA! BUT--I CAN'T TURN BACK! THEY NEED MY WATER!

I'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING! MY ASSIGNMENT IS TO PALADRA-- NO MATTER WHAT!
AT THIS MOMENT, AT MEGAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS...
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN, COMMANDER! THERE IS ONLY ONE SHIP--AN INSIGNIFICANT CARGO-CARRIER--THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO PENETRATE TO PALADRA...
TAKE NO CHANCES! DESTROY IT!
SOON...
THERE THEY ARE-- THE MEGAN BATTLEROCKETS!
AND ALMOST INSTANTLY...
THEY'VE SPOTTED ME! AND ALMOST WIPED ME OUT WITH THEIR FIRST BLAST--!
AS ANOTHER NEAR-MISS ROCKS THE AGED LITTLE WATER-CARRIER...
CAN'T GO ON--LIKE THIS-- MUCH LONG--! BY TERRA! IF ONLY I HAD A WEAPON-- INSTEAD OF JUST-- WATER--
GREAT GALAXIES! MAYBE--MAYBE I HAVE A WEAPON! THIS CONDENSED WATER... I'VE GOT AN IDEA...

MYSTERY IN SPACE

AS ONE SHIP DARTS AT THE "BUCKET"...
COMING CLOSER...TO BLAST ME INTO SPACE IONS! PRETTY BRAVE... SEEING I HAVE NO GUNS! BUT MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING ANYWAY--!
OUT OF AN OLD ROCKET-TUBE OF THE EARTH-SHIP, A SINGLE OBJECT SHOOTS...
IF I'M RIGHT, THE ABSOLUTE COLD OF SPACE OUGHT TO ACT ON THE CONCENTRATED WATER IN THAT METAL BALL... IN JUST ABOUT THREE SECONDS...
AS THE COLD OF SPACE BURSTS THE BALL, CAUSING THE WATER INSIDE TO EXPAND, AND INSTANTLY TURN TO SOLID ICE...
AIK! WH-WHAT'S THAT COMING AT OUR SHIP?
THE NEXT MOMENT..
THE ICY TORPEDO KNOCKED THE SHIP OUT OF ACTION!
THE WHOLE MEGAN BATTLEFLEET . IS COMING AT ME NOW!

IN DESPERATION, CARR POURS ARMLOADS OF THE METAL SPHERES INTO HIS JET EXHAUSTS...
GOT TO CAUSE AS MUCH DAMAGE TO THOSE MEGS AS I CAN-- BEFORE THEY FINISH ME--!
THE HEAT OF THIS JET OUGHT TO SPLIT OPEN THE SPHERES... AND KEEP THE WATER FROM FREEZING! IF IT DOES, THOSE MEGS ARE IN FOR A SURPRISE...
THE NEXT MOMENT, AS CARR MALCOM'S TRICK WORKS WONDERS...
WOW! I'VE CREATED A TIDAL WAVE IN SPACE! THE MEGS DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT THEM--!
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WHEN THE GARRISON HAS RECEIVED ITS WATER SUPPLY...
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GULP! THANK YOU, SIR!
BUT NEXT DAY, AS CARR TAKES UP HIS OLD DUTIES...
WELL, I'M STILL THE WATER BOY ON THE TEAM! BUT STRANGELY, IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME ANY MORE! I GUESS MAYBE... I'VE FINALLY LEARNED THAT IT'S NOT ME--BUT THE TEAM THAT COUNTS!
THE END
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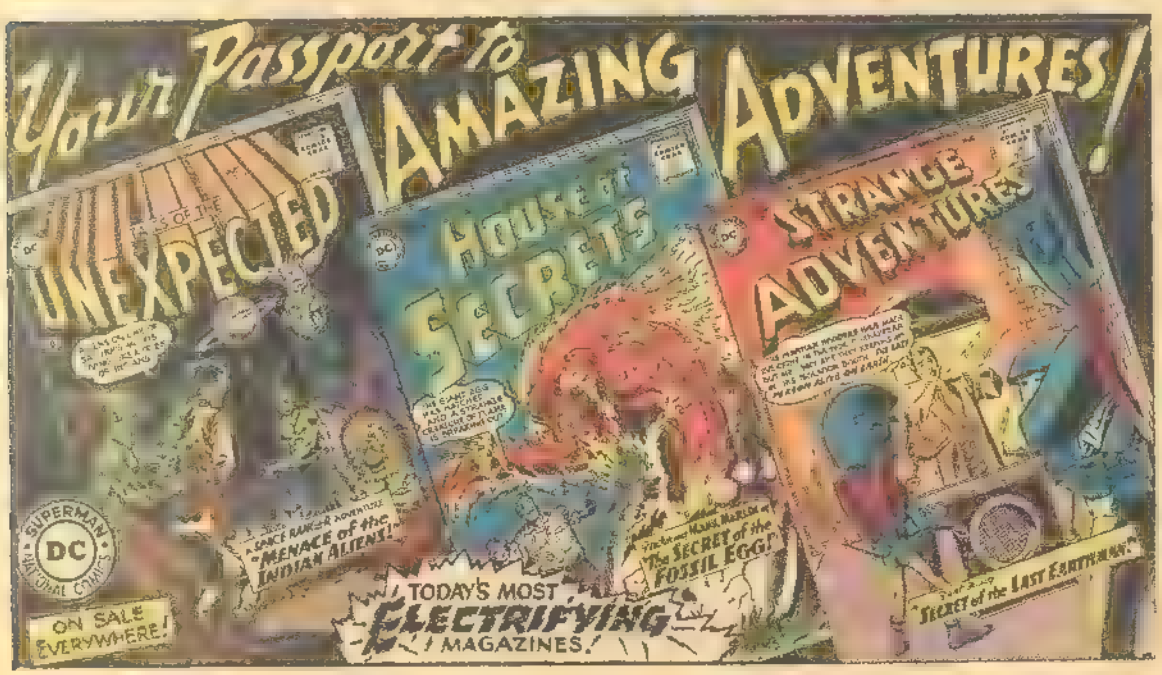
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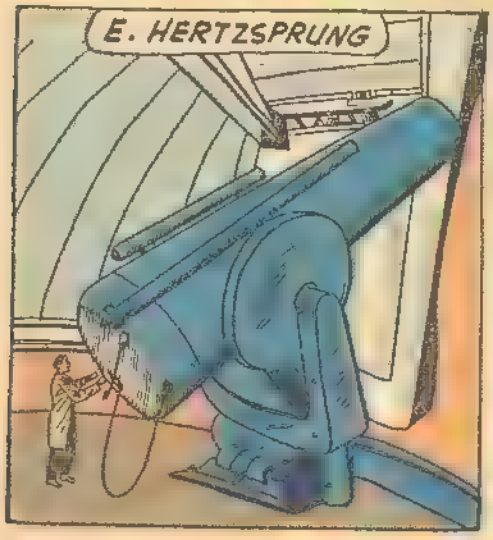

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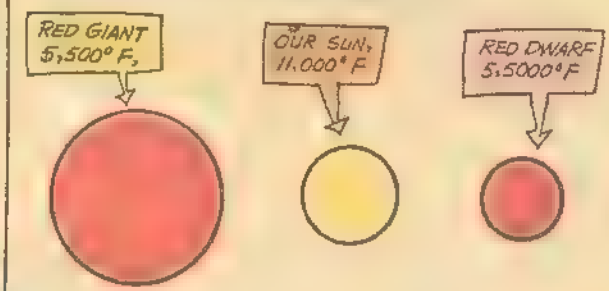

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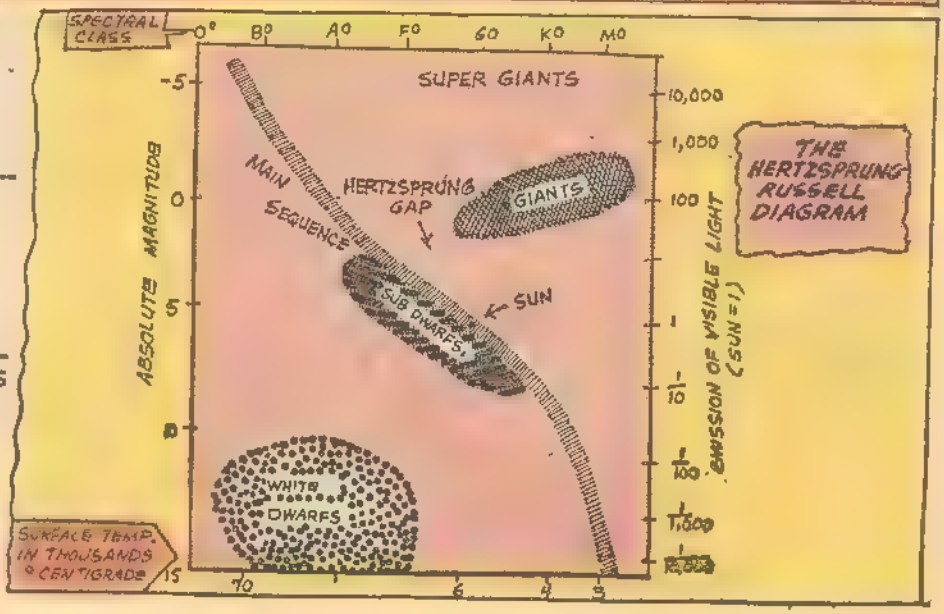

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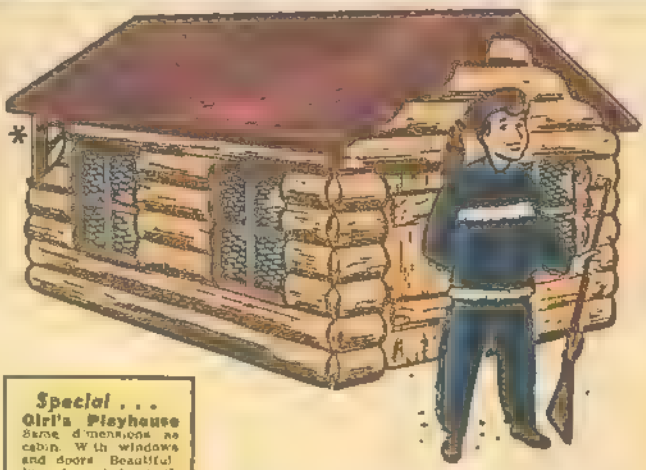

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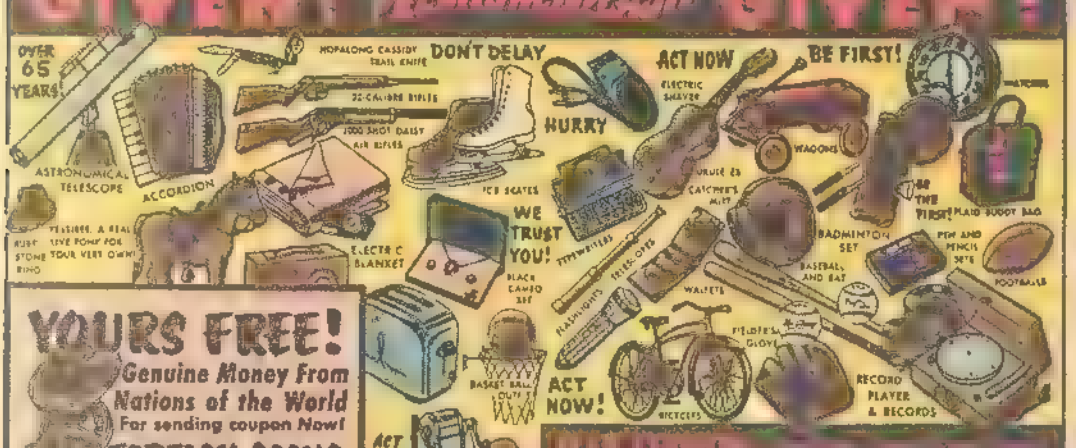

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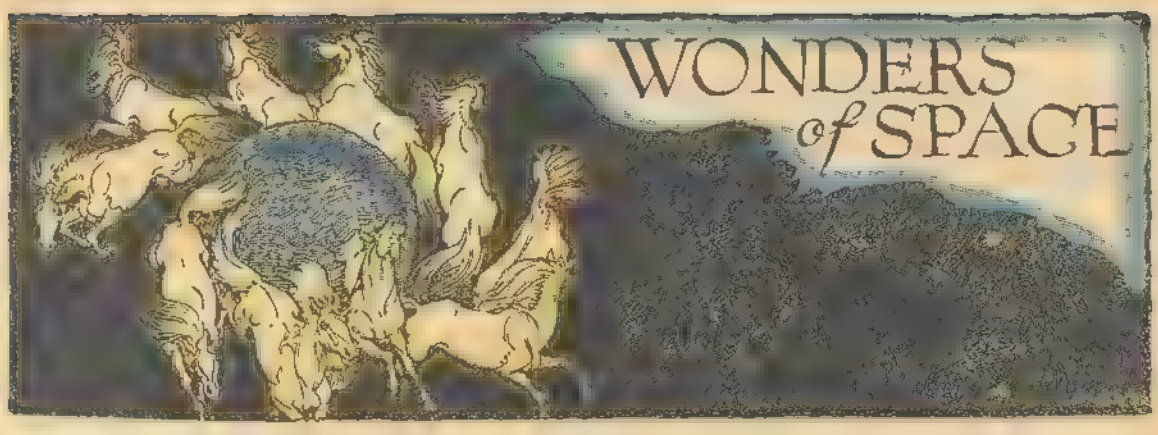

Dear Science Editor,

How is it possible for some of the dwarf stars to make themselves invisible?

H.A.,
Denver, Colorado

Dear H.A.,

A star can be seen by us if it casts beams of light in our direction. Since light has *mass*, gravitational forces can cause rays of light to deviate from a normal straight path. A compact dwarf star has such a tremendous gravitational force that it actually causes the dwarf's light rays to be bent in a manner that prevents the light from leaving the star and reaching Earth. Instead, the light rays continuously circle the dwarf—like horses on a merry-go-round—thus making the star invisible to our eyes!

Science Editor

Dear Science Editor,

How do astronomers tell time by the stars?

W.G.,
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear W.G.,

In leading observatories throughout the world, astronomers take advantage of clear nights to watch when certain "time stars" cross the *meridian*—an imaginary north-south line in the sky. The telescopes used—called transit instruments—have in their lenses fine spider threads, or etched lines, which mark the meridian line. The key fact to remember is that a star will always appear at its meridian 3 minutes 56 seconds sooner than it did on the previous night! Thus as the "time star" crosses the meridian, the astronomer checks his clock, and can adjust it if it has been running fast or slow.

Several years ago, the United States Naval Observatory began using a new timing device called the PZT (abbreviation for photographic zenith tube). The PZT is a telescope mounted vertically in a fixed position, with the lens pointing to the zenith. Light rays from a star pass through the lens and are reflected upward from a basin of mercury, which is set eight feet below the lens. The rays come to a focus just below the lens and are recorded on a photographic plate. The plateholder is driven by a motor so as to keep up with the apparent motion of the star. As the plate holder moves, an electrical circuit is automatically opened and closed; as this takes place, the time of exposure is recorded.

About 20 stars are photographed on a single plate. The plate is then developed and the star positions measured. Each star gives one value of the clock error. The values provided by the stars are averaged, and the average figure provides the most accurate value of all. Actually, this photographic method of determining time is so superior to the visual method that it is more generally used.

Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor,

In a recent newspaper feature about astronomy, it was mentioned that the mass of the planet Mercury was extremely difficult to determine—but didn't explain why. Can you please give me an explanation?

C.M.,

Dear C.M.,

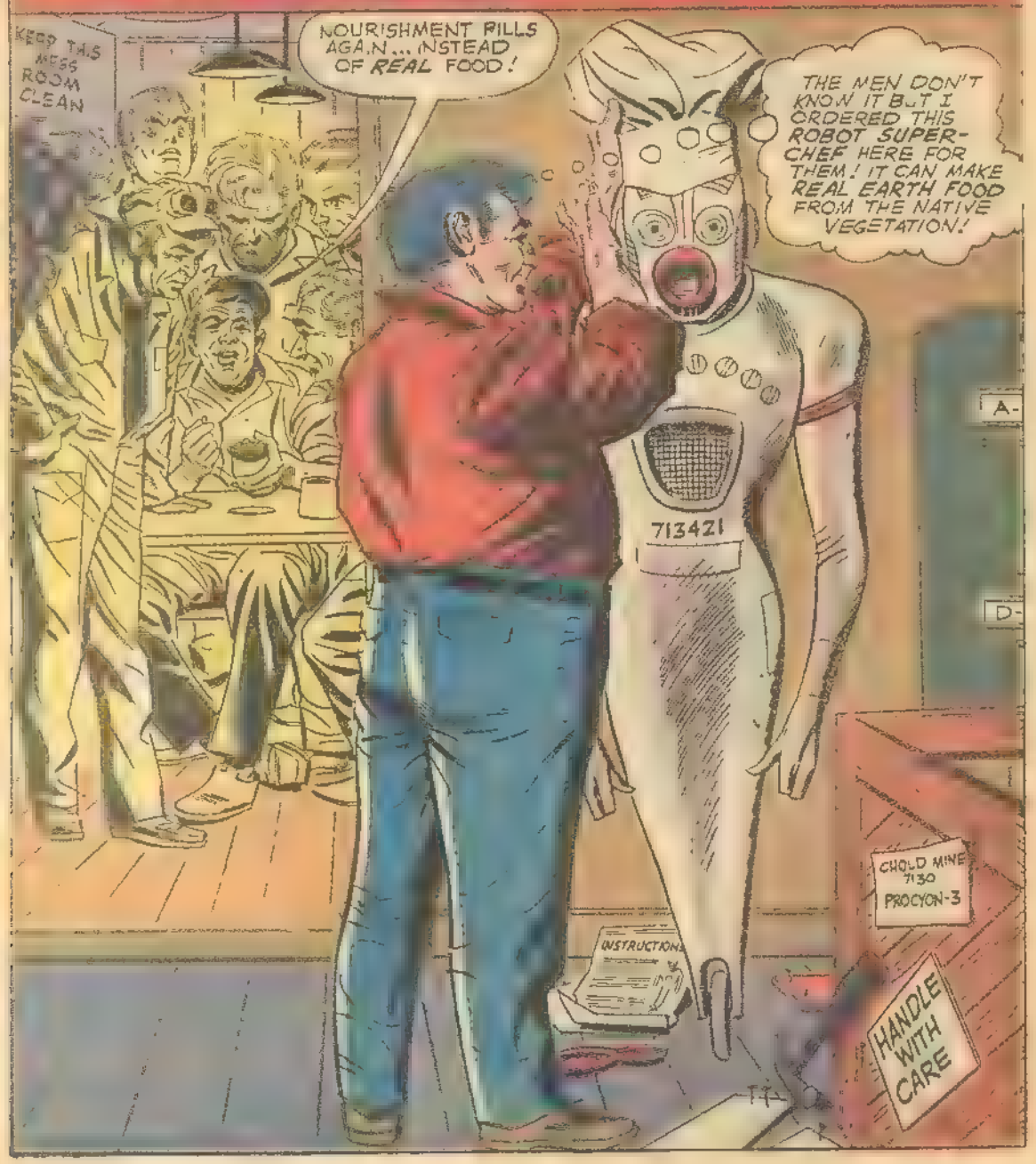
When a planet has a satellite revolving about it, the law of gravitation affords a convenient means of determining the planetary mass. Unfortunately, Mercury has no satellite! Moreover, Mercury is such a small planet and so close to the powerfully attracting sun, that an alternate method of determining Mercury's mass—the manner in which it affects the orbits of other planets—doesn't prove very practical either.

Astronomer Newcomb estimated that the amount of matter in the sun is about 7½ million times that in Mercury, which makes the planet's mass about 1/22 that of the Earth and the force of gravity on the surface about 0.29 that on the Earth's surface. Thus a body which weighs 1 pound on Earth would weigh about 4½ ounces on Mercury.

Science Editor

SUPER-COOK of SPACE!

THE CHOLD MINE ON PROCYON-3 WAS FAR OFF THE BEATEN TRACK--IN FACT, ABOUT ELEVEN LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM THE NEAREST SQUARE MEAL! AND THE EARTHMEN WORKING THE MINE WERE GETTING PRETTY DISGUSTED WITH NOURISHMENT PILLS WHEN THEY GOT A SURPRISE! BUT THE SURPRISE TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR!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NOURISHMENT PILLS AGAIN... INSTEAD OF REAL FOOD!
THE MEN DON'T KNOW IT BUT I ORDERED THIS ROBOT SUPER-CHEF HERE FOR THEM! IT CAN MAKE REAL EARTH FOOD FROM THE NATIVE VEGETATION!
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ON PROCYON-3 A NATIVE DOLES OUT "LUNCH" TO A GROUP OF CHOLD MINERS FROM EARTH...
PILLS...AGAIN! BOY, WHAT I'D GIVE FOR ONE GOOD SOLID MEAL!
I'M FED UP WITH PILLS TO HERE!
WHAT A LIFE! MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT ALL WE EAT IS PILLS! AND THEN ON HOLIDAYS WE'RE TREATED TO A SPECIAL RATION... A DOUBLE ORDER OF PILLS!
IF I COULD JUST DIG INTO A JUICY STEAK...
I'LL SETTLE FOR A TURKEY...
MAKE MINE LOBSTER..
STOP IT! YOU'RE TORTURING ME. YOU KNOW WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GETTING ANY REAL FOOD UNTIL WE GET BACK TO THE SYSTEM!
ANOTHER TWO WHOLE YEARS! I-I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD OUT THAT LONG!
ME NEITHER!
AT THE BUNKHOUSE LATER, THE MINE MANAGER GREETS HIS MEN WITH A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT...
FELLOWS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A REAL EARTHSIDE MEAL TONIGHT?
HENSON, WE'VE PUT IN A TOUGH DAY.. AND ARE NOT IN THE MOOD FOR JOKES!
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DOES THAT LOOK LIKE A JOKE?
WHAT IN THE RED SPOT OF JUPITER IS THAT?
A ROBOT SUPER-CHEF! I SAW IT IN THIS CATALOGUE! I KNEW YOU MEN WERE HUNGERING FOR GOOD CHOW... SO I SENT FOR IT AND HAD IT SHIPPED OUT HERE WITH OUR SUPPLIES!
A... A CHEF! YOU MEAN--?
I MEAN IT COOKS... REAL FOOD! AND ALL IT NEEDS FOR SUPPLIES IS THE VEGETATION FOUND ON ANY PLANET!
VEGETATION? BUT HOW...?
WAIT AND SEE! OKAY, WHAT'LL IT BE TONIGHT? NAME YOUR FAVORITE FOOD...
AFTER A QUICK HUDDLE, THERE IS A UNANIMOUS CALL FOR...
STEAK AND FRENCH FRIED POTATOES!
RIGHT! NOW I JUST TURN THIS KNOB. . AND THE ROBOT-CHEF GETS TO WORK!
MOMENTS LATER. .
WHAT'S IT DOING?
GATHERING GRASS! THAT'S THE FIRST STEP.
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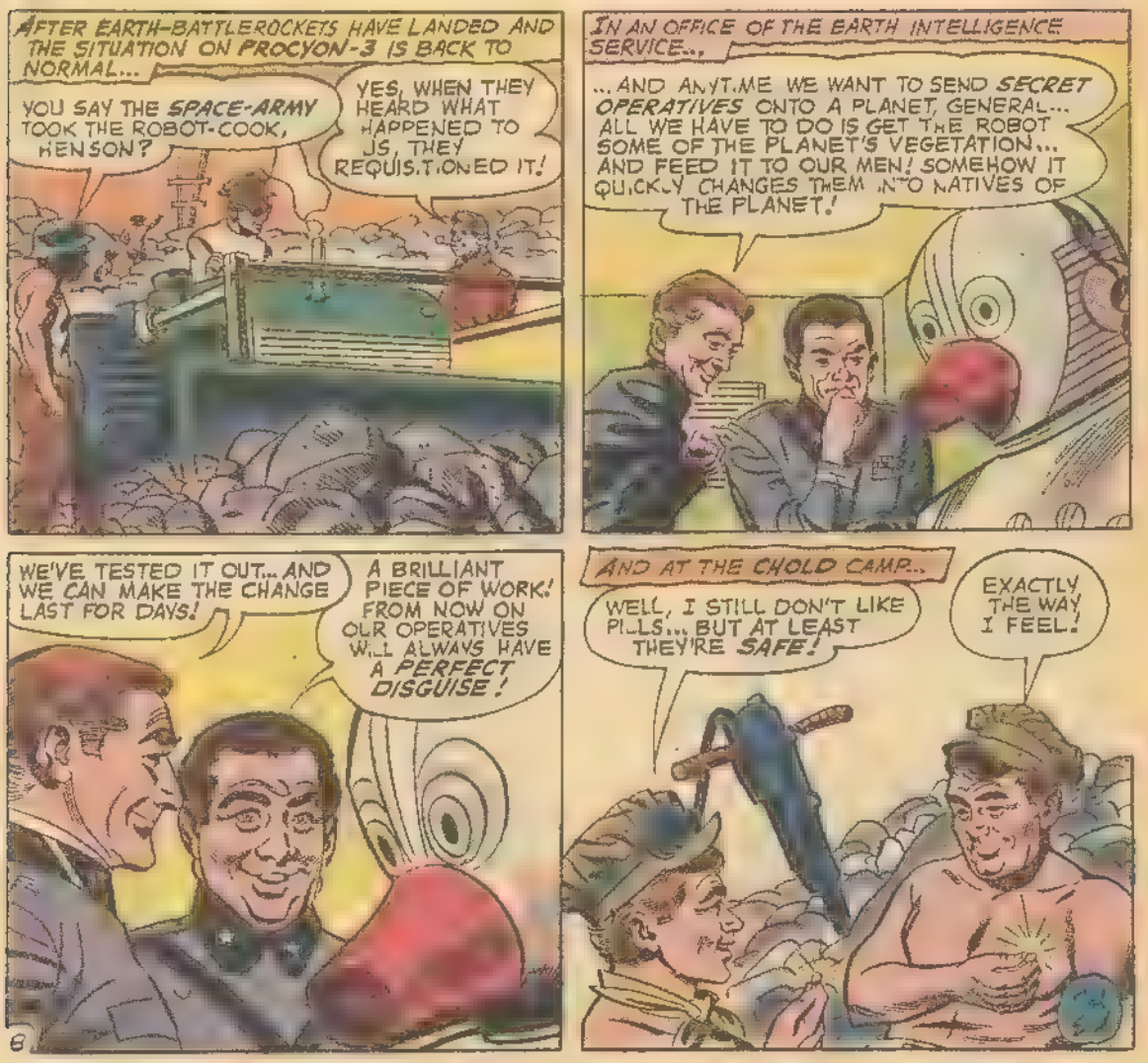
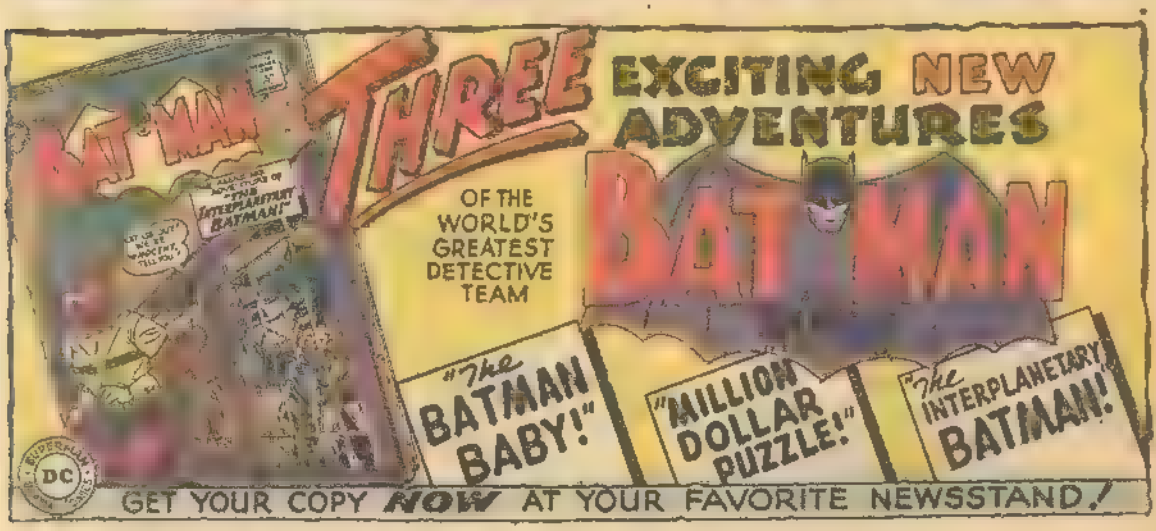
AND SOON AFTER..
WOW! IT COMES COMPLETE WITH A "DINNER BELL" TOO! COME ON, IT'S TIME TO EAT!
AS THE FEAST GETS UNDER WAY..
WOOEEE! THE SMELL.. IT'S THE RIGHT SMELL!
MAN OH MAN! IT IS STEAK AND FRENCH FRIED POTATOES!
THIS MUST BE A DREAM! I ONLY EAT THIS WAY IN MY DREAMS!
WHEN THE MEN HAVE GORGED THEMSELVES..
OOHH! I FEEL LIKE A STUFFED GOOSE!
SAY, YOU FELLOWS... NOTICE... SOMETHING? THE WAY YOU ALL LOOK...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO US!
WE'VE CHANGED!
WE... WE LOOK LIKE THE NATIVES OF THIS WORLD! THAT' ROBOT'S FOOD...

AS CONSTERNATION REIGNS IN THE MINING CAMP..
THE ROBOT USED THE NATIVE GRASS.. AND SOMEHOW IT'S CHANGED US ALL INTO NATIVES! HENSON DO SOMETHING!
WH...WHAT CAN I DO?
MEANWHILE, IN PROCYON CITY NEARBY.
RUN! THE PROCYONS ARE RISING IN REVOLT! THEY'RE OUT TO DESTROY ALL EARTHMEN!
THEY OUTNUMBER US! OUR ONLY CHANCE.. TO HIDE!
AT THE CHOLD MINE WHERE THE REVOLT SPREADS SWIFTLY..
THE EARTHLING MINERS MUST HAVE FLED! FIND THEM!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AFTER THE ARMED PROCYON GANG HAS PASSED ON..
THE PROCYONS UP IN ARMS..!
GREAT COSMIC DUST! THEY'RE LOOKING FOR US!
THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE US! THEY TOOK US FOR NATIVES!
SOUNDS LIKE A GENERAL REVOLT! I HEAR GUNFIRE IN THE CITY!
BLAM! BLAM!
MEN, DO YOU REALIZE WE ARE THE ONLY EARTHMEN WHO CAN MOVE AROUND ON THIS PLANET NOW... THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN FIGHT THIS UPRISING?
HOW, HENSON?

FOLLOW ME! I'LL SHOW YOU!
IN THE CITY, A MAELSTROM OF CONFUSION...
IT'S A SMALL, WELL ORGANIZED BAND OF PROCYONS LEADING THE REVOLT! THE ORDINARY PROCYONS ARE JUST BEING LED BY THE NOSE!
THEY'LL GET THEIR NOSES RUBBED HARD WHEN THE EARTH FORCES SOCK IN HERE!
YEAH...BUT MAYBE WE CAN HELP THE ORDINARY PROCYONS... BY NIPPING THIS THING BEFORE IT GOES TOO FAR! LISTEN... I HAVE AN IDEA!
AS THE ATTENTION OF THE ALTERED EARTHLINGS IS DIRECTED BY HENSON TO A CERTAIN BUILDING IN THE CITY...
THAT BUILDING LOOKS LIKE THE COMMAND POST OF THE REVOLT! COME ON... WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A LITTLE INVASION OF OUR OWN!
LEAD THE WAY, HENSON!
AFTER A BREATHLESS MOMENT, THE PSEUDO-NATIVES GAIN THE INTERIOR OF THE CP...
THESE PROCYONS ARE THE REVOLT'S LEADERS OR MY NAME ISN'T CHARLIE HENSON! WE'LL STORM INTO...
HENSON! WAIT! WE CAN'T...
S-SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO US AGAIN!
WE... WE'RE CHANGING BACK...

WE'VE TURNED BACK TO OUR EARTH SELVES AGAIN! WHATEVER CHANGED US MUST HAVE WORN OFF!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HENSON? THEY'LL SPOT US!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO...OVERPOWER THOSE LEADERS! COME ON!
AN INVASION EARTH-STYLE BURSTS INTO THE STUNNED HEADQUARTERS...
PULLING A K-GUN! I'LL GET HIM!
GOT HIM!
BEFORE THE DAZED REVOLT-LEADERS CAN REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
ALL RIGHT, YOU REBELS! GET TO THE RAD-SENDER AND CALL OFF THIS SHIN-DIG! AND DO IT FAST FOR I KNOW HOW TO USE A K-GUN!
UNDER THE PERSUASION OF THE K-GUN-MUZZLE..
THIS IS LYS TDAR! THE--THE REVOLT HAS FAILED! EARTH FORCES HAVE CAPTURED YOUR LEADERS! THERE IS NO USE... TO FIGHT ANYMORE!


AFTER EARTH-BATTLEROCKETS HAVE LANDED AND THE SITUATION ON PROCYON-3 IS BACK TO NORMAL...
YOU SAY THE SPACE-ARMY TOOK THE ROBOT-COOK, HENSON?
YES, WHEN THEY HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO US, THEY REQUISITIONED IT!
IN AN OFFICE OF THE EARTH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE...
...AND ANYTIME WE WANT TO SEND SECRET OPERATIVES ONTO A PLANET, GENERAL... ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THE ROBOT SOME OF THE PLANET'S VEGETATION... AND FEED IT TO OUR MEN! SOMEHOW IT QUICKLY CHANGES THEM INTO NATIVES OF THE PLANET!
WE'VE TESTED IT OUT... AND WE CAN MAKE THE CHANGE LAST FOR DAYS!
A BRILLIANT PIECE OF WORK! FROM NOW ON OUR OPERATIVES WILL ALWAYS HAVE A PERFECT DISGUISE!
AND AT THE CHOLD CAMP...
WELL, I STILL DON'T LIKE PILLS... BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE SAFE!
EXACTLY THE WAY I FEEL!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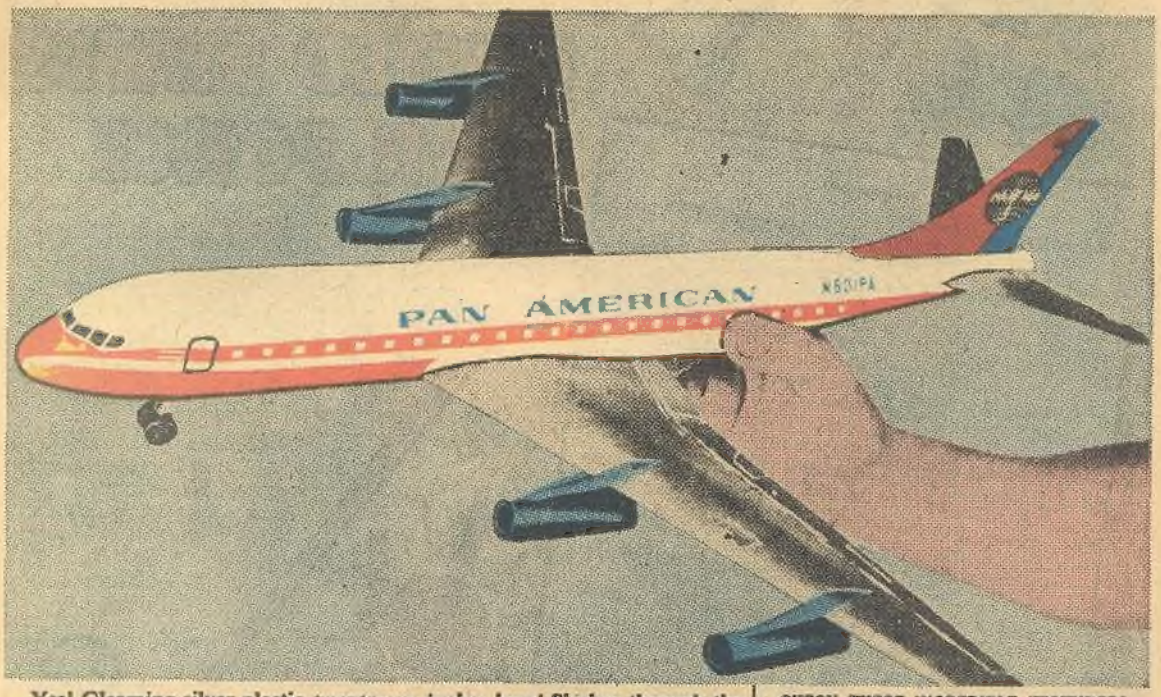

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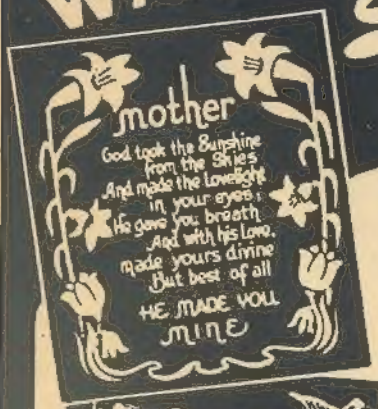
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God took the Sunshine from the Skies
And made the Lovelight in your eyes;
He gave you breath
And with his Love,
made yours divine
But best of all
HE MADE YOU MINE

CHILD'S PRAYER
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I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
If I should Die before I Wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take

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